



**Senate Bill 2100**

*Election Districts—General Assembly and Representatives in Congress*

Position: UNF

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To: Education, Energy, and  
the Environment

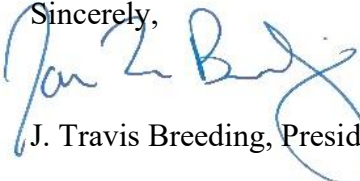
On behalf of the Board of Commissioners for Caroline County, we write in strong opposition to ***Senate Bill 2100 – Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress***. The proposed amendment to the constitution will weaken the voice of Caroline County and the Eastern Shore. This region is vastly different from other areas of Maryland. Federal advocacy for rural priorities through congressional representation is imperative for improving our quality of life. The Eastern Shore Counties share many of the same needs and concerns. Our economy and way of life rely on agriculture, our waterways, and small businesses. It is important that the Shore continues to have a dedicated voice in Congress.

Senate Bill 2100 would remove the state constitutional standards requiring congressional districts to be compact and adjoining and to consider natural boundaries and county lines. Without those protections, future maps could divide the Eastern Shore and place rural communities like Caroline County into districts with larger metropolitan areas that have very different needs and priorities. Our residents would still be able to cast a ballot, but their voices could be diluted within a district dominated by voters with different expectations and dependencies. For a small rural county, that would amount to disenfranchisement by weakening our residents' ability to choose a representative who understands and will advocate for the needs of this community.

This is not about one candidate or one election. Removing these protections from the Maryland Constitution will erode confidence that the legislature respects the opinions, and shares concern for the wellbeing of all Marylander's. A change of this importance should not be rushed through during a short special session with limited time for residents and local governments to fully review and respond.

We urge you to **reject Senate Bill 2100** and preserve the protections that help ensure Caroline County and the Eastern Shore have a meaningful voice in Congress.

Sincerely,



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